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GREENVILLE MAN RECEIVES 10 YEARS FOR CHILD PORN

Columbia, South Carolina---- United States Attorney Bill Nettles stated that Craig Allen Myers, age 50, of Greenville, South Carolina, was sentenced in federal court in Anderson, South Carolina, for possession of child pornography, a violation of 18 U.S.C. § 2252A. Senior United States District Judge G. Ross Anderson, Jr. of Anderson sentenced Myers to 120 months in prison.

Evidence presented at the change of plea hearing established that agents were monitoring a website known to be frequented by individuals seeking and trading child pornography. While observing activity in a public chat room, agents saw a person using a sexually explicit username posting child pornography. Further investigation uncovered the IP address associated with this user. Once having

identified the IP address, agents were able to trace it to Myers. Agents obtained and executed a search warrant on Myers' home. They seized 6 computers and 26 internal or external hard drives. A forensic examination revealed that Myers possessed thousands of images and dozens of videos showing children engaged in sexually explicit conduct.

The case was investigated by agents of the Department of Homeland Security, Office of Investigations. Assistant United States Attorney Bill Watkins of the Greenville office handled the case.

This case was brought as part of Project Safe Childhood, a nationwide initiative designed to protect children from online exploitation and abuse. Led by the United States Attorneys Offices, Project Safe Childhood marshals federal, state and local resources to better locate, apprehend, and prosecute individuals who exploit children via the Internet, as well as identify and rescue victims. For more information, please visit www.projectsafechildhood.gov.

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